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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON FROM ABASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: PINS ASEC GT
SUBJ: INVITATION TO INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT LUCAS IN GUATEMALA

1. IN MEETING THIS MORNING TO PLAN DEFENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES
IN LIGHT OF STILL FURTHER INTELLIGENCE ABOUT THREAT TO OUR
PERSONNEL(SEE GUATEMALA 3722), WE ALSO CONSIDRED POSSIBLE ADVICE TO
YOU ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF YOUR COMING TO GUATEMALA FOR INAUGURA-
TION. FRANKLY, THERE WAS UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT YOU SHOULD BE
ADVISED AGAINST COMING. POINT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT YOU (AND/OR
MCNEIL) WOULD PRESENT HIGH VISIBILITY TARGET AT A TIME OF
EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH RISK, WHEN WE ARE SENDING SOME OF OUR MILITARY
OFFICERS TO PANAMA ON TDY AND VIRTUALLY QUARANTINING A FEW OTHERS
UNTIL AFTER THE INAUGURATION.

2. MY OWN OPINION IS THAT TERRORIST ELEMENTS WOULD BE
UNLIKELY TO TARGET A WOMAN. YOU WOULD ALSO SHARE IN MY
SECURITY PROTECTION, OR RECEIVE SPECIAL PROTECTION ON ANY
OCCASION WHEN YOU WERE NOT WITH ME. BUT I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD
CAREFULLY REVIEW WITH LINDA AND /OR SY THE RECENT REPORTING
ON THREAT HERE BEFORE YOU DECIDE AND I WONDER WHETHER IT IS
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REALLY WORTH THE RISK.

3. I HAD ALRADY SENT OUT INVITATIONS FOR A DINNER FOR YOU
JUNE 30 (AT WHICH RANKING GUEST WOULD BE VICE FONMIN
AYCINENA) BUT THIS PRESENTS NO PROBLEM EITHER WAY. PLEASE
LET ME KNOW YOUR WISHES.

4 BEST REGARDS.

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